



Crop Progress and Condition

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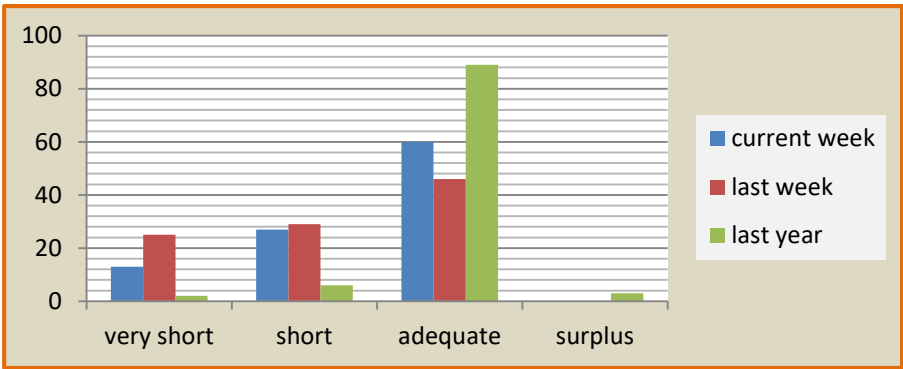
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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.2. Weather conditions were mostly hot and humid with scattered rain and thunderstorms. Farming activities this week included harvesting wheat and making hay.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 07/26/20

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	13	27	60	-
Subsoil	9	32	59	-

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 07/26/20



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 07/26/20

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	8	29	62	1
Peaches	-	9	19	71	1
Corn	6	14	29	45	6
Hay	3	14	29	51	3
Soybeans	-	6	24	64	6
Winter Wheat	-	1	49	49	1
Pasture	-	13	31	54	2
Cattle & Calves	-	4	21	70	5
Sheep & Lambs	-	3	22	73	2

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 07/26/20

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Peaches harvested	12	-	11	19
Corn silking	35	21	30	37
Corn dough	6	-	9	6
Hay first cutting	97	91	87	92
Hay second cutting	9	-	10	17
Soybeans emerged	85	78	89	92
Soybeans blooming	14	-	18	17
Winter Wheat harvested for grain	50	40	62	73

- Represents data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending July 26, 2020

The start of the week began hot and humid under high pressure. During this time, afternoon and evening showers and thunderstorms developed due to daytime heating and some instability in the upper atmosphere. Some of these storms were slow moving and dumped large amounts of precipitation over some areas. Later, a slow moving cold front passed over the State on Thursday, bringing with it rain and thunderstorms. Although this system was more organized, precipitation amounts still varied greatly. Post cold front temperatures dipped somewhat and humidity dropped. At the end of the week, all stations recorded above average temperatures and the State as a whole was around 4 degrees warmer than usual. Six stations were below average precipitation, while three were above. D0 conditions continue to creep Southeastward across the State, with approximately 40 percent of the State now under these conditions. D1 conditions are in Monongalia and Preston Counties.

Temperatures: Martinsburg had the highest recorded temperature of 98 degrees. Elkins and Marlinton had the lowest recorded temperature of 59 degrees. The state average temperature was 78 degrees.

Precipitation: Moorefield had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 3.20 inches. Wheeling had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.15 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 1.31 inches.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 07/26/20

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2020	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST-----									
WHEELING	90	65	78	5	0.15	0.99	11.16	14.67	15.55
PARKERSBURG	96	64	79	5	0.47	1.00	18.82	15.87	15.39
CRESTON	93	64	78		1.72		19.98	17.09	
--NORTHCENTRAL-----									
MORGANTOWN	92	66	78	5	0.83	1.03	12.68	17.64	16.34
CLARKSBURG	92	67	79	6	1.27	1.42	19.30	16.00	17.50
BELINGTON	91	63	77		1.18		18.14	13.36	
WESTON	93	65	78		3.09		24.59	15.21	
--SOUTHWEST-----									
WILLIAMSON	93	69	79		2.09		21.24	16.13	
HUNTINGTON	94	69	80	4	1.49	1.08	15.67	15.39	16.13
CHARLESTON	94	66	79	3	1.98	1.14	23.46	18.46	16.58
RIPLEY	95	66	79		1.19		19.46	16.58	
--CENTRAL-----									
TERRA ALTA	89	60	75		1.78		18.57	23.26	
ELKINS	89	59	75	5	0.92	1.16	20.17	19.31	17.99
MARLINTON	92	59	75		0.74		21.34	17.49	
--SOUTHERN-----									
BECKLEY	87	60	73	2	0.67	1.14	20.56	16.37	16.33
PINEVILLE	94	67	79		1.49		22.95	13.01	
BLUEFIELD	90	61	74	1	1.22	0.92	23.75	13.81	15.46
WHITE SUL SP	92	60	76		1.42		18.91	16.15	
BLUESTONE DAM	90	64	76		0.33		19.85	13.38	
--NORTHEASTERN-----									
MARTINSBURG	98	68	81	6	0.86	0.86	11.47	15.93	14.52
KEYSER	97	64	80		0.67		14.48	16.59	
MOOREFIELD	97	63	81		3.20		13.64	19.12	
State Average Temperature	78								
State Average Precipitation	1.31								

Source:
Weather comments and data - Dept. of Commerce, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration National Weather Service, Charleston, WV.